GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROCESSING OF FISHES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the development of infrastructure for the preservation and processing of fishes in the country especially in the coastal region of Maharashtra;

(b) whether any scheme is being run for providing grants-in-aid to the private entrepreneurs and other agencies for the construction of cold storages and purchasing of machines for the processing of fishes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of grants-in-aid approved during the last three years, State-wise;

(e) the names of the companies/private entrepreneurs and agencies especially of the Maharashtra whom grants have been approved for purchasing fish processing machine; and

(f) the details about other States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(A) TO (C): THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN VARIOUS STEPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FISHES IN THE COUNTRY INCLUDING COASTAL REGION OF MAHARASHTRA. THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES THROUGH ITS PLAN SCHEMES DURING 10TH PLAN HAS BEEN PROMOTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, FOOD PARK, PACKAGING CENTER, INTEGRATED COLD CHAIN FACILITIES FOR PRESERVATION OF FISHES INCLUDING SCHEME FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GRANT IN AID FOR SETTING UP, TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADATION / MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF FISH PROCESSING INDUSTRIES TO ALL IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES @ 25% OF THE COST OF PLANT AND MACHINERY AND TECHNICAL CIVIL WORKS SUBJECT TO MAXIMUM OF RS. 50 LAKHS IN GENERAL AREAS OR 33.33% SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF RS.75 LAKHS IN DIFFICULT AREAS SUCH AS JAMMU & KASHMIR, HIMACHAL PRADESH, UTTARAKHAND, SIKKIM AND NORTH EASTERN STATES, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, LAKSHADWEEP AND ITDP AREAS.

FURTHER, THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES HAS IMPLEMENTED A CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME ON DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND POST HARVEST OPERATIONS INTER-ALIA INCLUDING A COMPONENT ON 'STRENGTHENING OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE' DURING 10TH PLAN TO DEVELOP FISH PRESERVATION AND MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS RETAIL VENDING KIOSKS, AQUA SHOPS, INSULATED/ REFRIGERATED VEHICLES, FISH DISPLAY CABINETS. THE MARINE PRODUCTS EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MPEDA), MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING KITS AND MINI LABORATORIES IN FISHERIES TO PROMOTE EXPORTS.

(D): THE STATE-WISE INFORMATION ON AMOUNT OF GRANTS IN AID RELEASED BY MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (MFPI) DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR SETTING UP /EXPANSION /MODERNIZATION OF FISH PROCESSING UNITS IS GIVEN IN ANNEXURE I. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY MPEDA FOR THE YEARS 2001-02 TO 2005-06 IS GIVEN IN ANNEXURE II.

(E): IN MAHARASHTRA, M/S PARTYTIME ICE PVT LTD, MIDC PANVEL, NAVI MUMBAI HAS BEEN PROVIDED ASSISTANCE OF RS. 25.00 LAKHS DURING 2004-05 BY MFPI.

(F): RELEVANT INFORMATION IS GIVEN IN ANNEXURE III